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PLANT-QUARANTINE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
OF THE
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Import Permit Required for Vegetable Seeds

1. Government Notice No. 185 of March 16, 1945 (issued under the authority of the Annexure to War Measure No. 5 of 1944), prohibits every person from importing vegetable seeds into the Union, except under the authority of a permit issued by the Chief, Division of Horticulture, Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Pretoria, and subject to the conditions specified in such permit.

(Note: This amends the conditions in the second paragraph on page 2 of B. E. P. Q.--471.)

Prohibition Against Elm Products Extended

2. Proclamation No. 116 of 1945 amends Proclamation No. 286 of 1936, making the elm regulations in the second paragraph on page 4 of B. E. P. Q.--471 read as follows:

"ELM (Ulmus spp.) plants, seeds, logs, or unmanufactured timber, or dead portions or products of any species of Ulmus or Zelkova from the United States of America, the continent of Europe, or other country where the Dutch elm disease (Ceratostomella (Graphium) ulmi Buisman) exists."

Restrictions on the Importation of Timber Products

3. Government Notice No. 1282, 1942 (issued under the authority of the Forest and Veld Conservation Act) prescribes, as a measure to prevent the introduction of bark beetles and bark weevils, especially Dendroctonus spp.; that no person shall introduce into the Union any timber or wood of any description --



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- a. Which has any bark adhering to it, unless the introduction thereof has been specially authorized in writing by the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, and except under such conditions as may be determined by him; or
 - b. Which is infested with insects or infected by fungi.
4. Whenever there is introduced into the Union any timber or wood of any description which at the time of its introduction is infested with insects or infected with fungi, or suspected of being so infested or infected, then whether or not a permit for the introduction thereof has been obtained --
- a. Such timber or wood may be seized and detained by an officer designated by the Minister, pending inquiry;
 - b. The person by whom or on whose behalf that timber or wood was introduced into the Union, may be required by the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry to destroy that timber or wood or to treat it in such manner as the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry may deem necessary for the destruction of the insects or fungi or for preventing the introduction into the Union or the spread within the Union of such insects or fungi;
 - c. Such timber or wood may be treated in any manner or destroyed, without compensation, by order of the Minister at the expense of the person having the possession thereof.

Potato Regulations in B. E. P. Q.--471 Effective

5. Proclamation No. 48 of 1940 repeals Proclamation No. 155 of 1939, thus restoring the regulations governing the importation of potatoes (Solanum tuberosum L.) to the status cited on page 6 of B. E. P. Q.--471. According to information received from South African authorities, however, a rebate of Customs duty is made on imported potatoes if accompanied by a certificate as follows:

"A certificate from the Department of Agriculture of the declared country of origin, or a certificate from some official institution in that country which the Minister has agreed to recognize, stating that the crop from which the potatoes were derived was officially inspected in the field and that the degree of freedom from virus disease was sufficiently high to ensure the suitability of the progeny for seed purposes, and stating further that the said crop was not grown in the vicinity of any unhealthy potato crops or other plants infected with virus diseases."

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